

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: ☒ Application of: -Toyotaro TOKIMOTO and Masatoshi OISHI  
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For: INPUT DEVICE FOR IMPROVING  
 MAN-MACHINE INTERFACE

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
 [37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)] - Small Business Concern

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

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I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern and/or there is an obligation under contract or law by the inventor(s) to convey rights to the small business concern with regard to the invention, entitled INPUT DEVICE FOR IMPROVING by inventor(s) Toyotaro TOKIMOTO and Masatoshi OISHI described in MAN-MACHINE INTERFACE

- ☒ the specification filed herewith  
☐ application serial no. filed  
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Signature      Toyotaro Tokimoto      Date      February 17, 1998

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(37 CFR 1.27)

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the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto  
☐ was filed in the United States on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ (for declaration not accompanying application)  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119/§172 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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